

REMARKS

Claims 3-7, 24-31, 57, and 58 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 22, 23, and 56 have been canceled by this amendment without prejudice. All pending claims are presently allowed.

No new matter has been added.

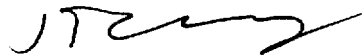
This amendment with RCE is being filed for the purpose of entering the attached Information Disclosure Statement containing references cited by and a communication from the European Patent Office.

The claims are also amended to cancel claims for which the Board affirmed rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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